



# MONTHLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

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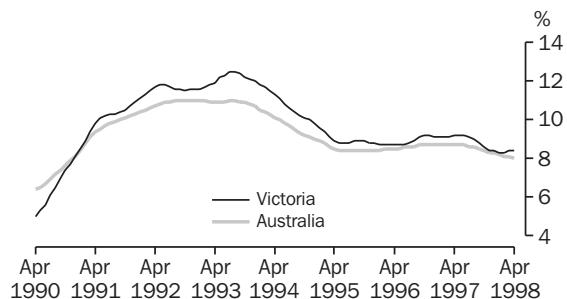
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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT	<p>Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals e.g. Christmas and Easter.</p>	
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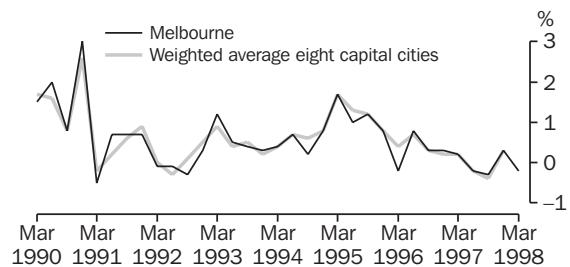
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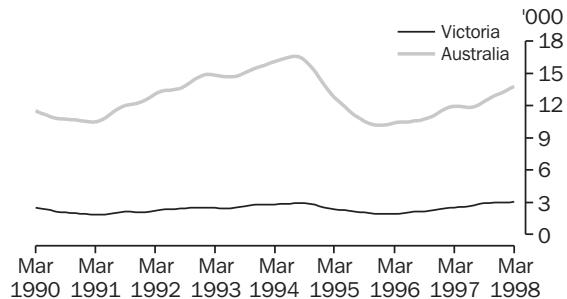
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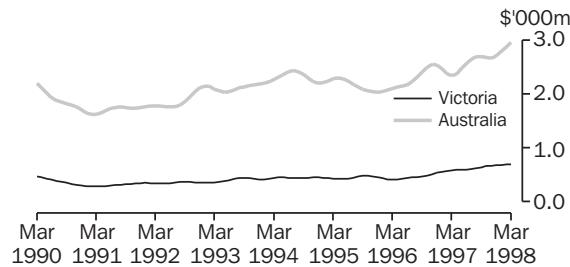
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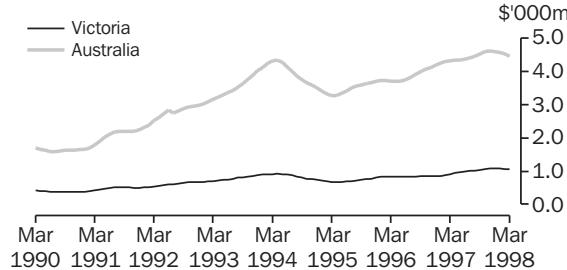
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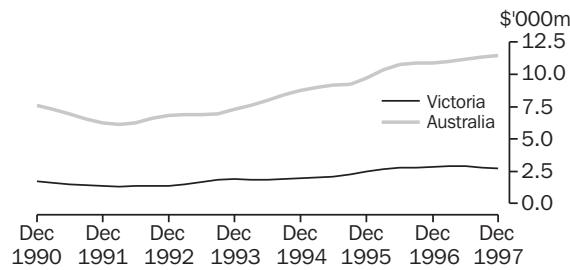
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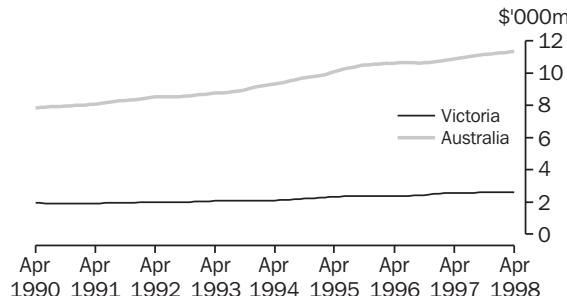
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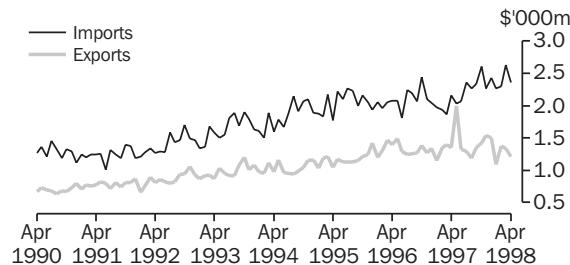
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## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Mean estimated resident population for year ended		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Natural '000	Total '000	30 Jun '000	31 Dec '000	
<b>1994-95</b>	2 233.4	2 284.0	4 517.4	31.3	28.6	4 502.1	4 518.6	3 243.7
<b>1995-96</b>	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	42.8	4 539.4	4 560.9	3 283.3
<b>1996-97 p</b>	2 274.3	2 330.9	4 605.1	28.3	45.0	4 583.0	n.y.a.	3 321.7
<b>1996</b>								
June qtr	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	6.7	8.8	..	..	..
September qtr p	2 257.8	2 313.2	4 571.0	6.3	10.9	..	..	..
December qtr p	2 262.5	2 318.8	4 581.3	7.1	10.2	..	..	..
<b>1997</b>								
March qtr p	2 269.9	2 326.2	4 596.1	7.6	14.8	..	..	..
June qtr p	2 274.3	2 330.9	4 605.1	7.3	9.1	..	..	..
September qtr p	2 280.4	2 337.0	4 617.4	6.4	12.3	..	..	..

(a) Based on the 1996 Statistical Local Area boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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## BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations				Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population				
	Deaths (including Births infant deaths)		Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
	no.	no.	no.	no.	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate
<b>1994-95</b>	r 63 913	r 32 296	26 831	11 602	14.26	7.20	5.98	2.59	5.19
<b>1995-96</b>	r 60 810	r 32 420	26 117	12 002	13.48	7.19	5.78	2.65	r 5.30
<b>1996-97 p</b>	61 628	32 595	25 664	13 045	13.45	7.11	5.60	2.85	4.71
<b>1996</b>									
June qtr	15 287	7 955	6 140	2 891	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr	14 957	8 589	3 840	3 530	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr	16 352	8 508	7 723	3 398	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1996	61 529	32 714	26 074	12 491	r 13.49	r 7.17	r 5.72	r 2.74	r 5.05
<b>1997</b>									
March qtr p	15 084	7 423	8 102	2 809	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr p	15 730	8 372	5 999	3 308	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 761	9 211	3 814	3 164	..	..	..	..	..

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual). Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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## LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

Month	Employed		Unemployed looking for work		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate					
	Full-time Total	Total	Full-time	Part-time										
	'000	'000	'000	'000										
MALES														
<b>1997</b>														
February	1 049.8	1 180.9	113.2	19.2	132.4	1 313.3	458.2	1 771.5	10.1	74.1				
March	1 037.5	1 184.1	104.8	20.0	124.8	1 308.9	463.9	1 772.9	9.5	73.8				
April	1 044.3	1 186.3	97.1	19.3	116.5	1 302.8	472.0	1 774.8	8.9	73.4				
May	1 040.9	1 183.3	101.9	13.8	115.7	1 299.0	477.7	1 776.7	8.9	73.1				
June	1 033.1	1 182.8	104.0	15.8	119.8	1 302.6	476.0	1 778.6	9.2	73.2				
July	1 039.7	1 185.2	98.3	14.0	112.3	1 297.5	483.0	1 780.6	8.7	72.9				
August	1 022.4	1 168.7	100.2	15.2	115.4	1 284.0	498.5	1 782.5	9.0	72.0				
September	1 037.0	1 189.1	100.8	22.6	123.5	1 312.6	471.9	1 784.5	9.4	73.6				
October	1 043.0	1 195.9	85.9	15.2	101.1	1 297.0	489.5	1 786.5	7.8	72.6				
November	1 048.8	1 194.0	89.5	15.4	104.8	1 298.8	489.6	1 788.4	8.1	72.6				
December	1 064.4	1 220.2	86.4	23.1	109.5	1 329.7	460.7	1 790.4	8.2	74.3				
<b>1998</b>														
January	1 054.8	1 185.7	102.0	20.4	122.4	1 308.1	484.2	1 792.2	9.4	73.0				
February	1 065.0	1 202.5	96.1	20.6	116.7	1 319.2	474.8	1 794.0	8.8	73.5				
March	1 055.8	1 206.2	97.6	19.3	116.9	1 323.1	472.7	1 795.8	8.8	73.7				
April	1 060.8	1 212.6	90.2	18.4	108.5	1 321.1	476.8	1 798.0	8.2	73.5				
FEMALES														
<b>1997</b>														
February	511.1	903.0	72.0	29.6	101.7	1 004.7	845.0	1 849.7	10.1	54.3				
March	501.2	904.3	63.3	32.5	95.8	1 000.1	851.0	1 851.1	9.6	54.0				
April	503.8	914.2	63.0	30.4	93.4	1 007.7	845.4	1 853.1	9.3	54.4				
May	503.7	907.5	61.9	30.8	92.7	1 000.2	854.9	1 855.1	9.3	53.9				
June	512.1	921.1	60.6	27.0	87.6	1 008.8	848.3	1 857.1	8.7	54.3				
July	523.1	917.8	56.3	25.7	82.0	999.8	859.3	1 859.0	8.2	53.8				
August	498.5	891.5	57.8	29.0	86.7	978.2	882.7	1 861.0	8.9	52.6				
September	520.4	932.9	59.1	29.0	88.1	1 021.0	841.9	1 862.9	8.6	54.8				
October	511.9	916.1	55.4	27.3	82.8	998.8	866.0	1 864.8	8.3	53.6				
November	505.6	922.1	53.2	26.5	79.7	1 001.8	865.0	1 866.8	8.0	53.7				
December	530.2	934.8	55.9	26.3	82.2	1 016.9	851.8	1 868.7	8.1	54.4				
<b>1998</b>														
January	513.3	893.6	60.9	28.5	89.4	983.0	887.4	1 870.5	9.1	52.6				
February	526.6	387.3	62.9	27.9	90.8	1 004.6	867.5	1 872.2	9.0	53.7				
March	520.0	925.3	61.0	32.6	93.5	1 018.9	855.0	1 873.9	9.2	54.4				
April	531.2	937.5	57.4	29.0	86.3	1 023.8	852.4	1 867.2	8.4	54.6				
PERSONS														
<b>1997</b>														
February	1 560.9	2 084.0	185.2	48.9	234.1	2 318.0	1 303.2	3 621.2	10.1	64.0				
March	1 538.7	2 088.4	168.1	52.5	220.6	2 309.0	1 315.0	3 624.0	9.6	63.7				
April	1 548.1	2 100.6	160.2	49.7	209.9	2 310.5	1 317.4	3 627.9	9.1	63.7				
May	1 544.6	2 090.8	163.8	44.7	208.4	2 299.2	1 332.6	3 631.8	9.1	63.3				
June	1 545.2	2 103.9	164.6	42.9	207.5	2 311.4	1 324.4	3 635.7	9.0	63.6				
July	1 562.8	2 103.0	154.6	39.7	194.3	2 297.3	1 342.3	3 639.6	8.5	63.1				
August	1 520.9	2 060.2	157.9	44.2	202.1	2 262.3	1 381.2	3 643.5	8.9	62.1				
September	1 557.5	2 122.1	159.9	51.7	211.6	2 333.6	1 313.8	3 647.4	9.1	64.0				
October	1 554.8	2 111.9	141.1	42.5	183.9	2 295.8	1 355.5	3 651.3	8.0	62.9				
November	1 554.4	2 116.1	142.7	41.8	184.5	2 300.6	1 354.6	3 655.2	8.0	62.9				
December	1 594.6	2 155.0	142.3	49.3	191.7	2 346.7	1 312.5	3 659.2	8.2	64.1				
<b>1998</b>														
January	1 568.1	2 079.3	162.8	48.9	211.8	2 291.1	1 371.6	3 662.7	9.2	62.6				
February	1 591.6	2 116.3	159.0	48.5	207.5	2 323.8	1 342.4	3 666.2	8.9	63.4				
March	1 575.8	2 131.6	158.5	51.9	210.4	2 342.0	1 327.7	3 669.7	9.0	63.8				
April	1 592.0	2 150.0	147.6	47.3	194.9	2 344.9	1 329.2	3 674.1	8.3	63.8				

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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## EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY

Industry division	Nov 1996 '000	Feb 1997 '000	May 1997 '000	Aug 1997 '000	Nov 1997 '000	Feb 1998 '000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	71.1	79.0	70.2	58.7	55.9	68.0
Mining	4.6	*3.3	*3.0	*2.5	*3.2	*3.1
Manufacturing	262.6	255.3	253.0	249.8	250.3	247.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	11.2	10.4	12.4	13.4	9.9	11.6
Construction	118.0	106.7	104.9	110.9	115.9	121.6
Wholesale trade	86.9	84.9	92.4	—	88.0	92.1
Retail trade	159.7	158.2	157.5	150.6	158.4	159.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	30.7	32.0	35.2	37.0	37.6	31.9
Transport and storage	66.2	73.9	78.4	74.8	73.5	82.9
Communication services	32.0	25.8	25.2	24.5	22.4	22.1
Finance and insurance	36.8	36.2	43.3	42.8	46.3	42.3
Property and business services	115.4	117.8	121.3	130.8	130.7	130.1
Government administration and defence	42.1	39.0	33.4	29.2	38.4	37.4
Education	52.4	47.8	47.6	48.4	52.9	49.1
Health and community services	45.8	38.5	35.6	37.5	39.7	36.4
Cultural and recreational services	20.3	26.5	21.5	25.8	28.3	28.2
Personal and other services	36.8	45.6	48.4	47.0	42.5	38.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 192.4</b>	<b>1 180.9</b>	<b>1 183.3</b>	<b>1 168.7</b>	<b>1 194.0</b>	<b>1 202.5</b>
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	33.7	34.1	35.2	28.0	30.8	35.4
Mining	*0.5	*0.5	*0.0	*0.0	*0.3	*0.3
Manufacturing	99.8	97.5	95.7	93.7	107.4	95.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	*2.1	*2.9	*2.1	*1.8	*1.9	*2.6
Construction	16.3	14.6	14.1	15.0	15.8	16.5
Wholesale trade	39.6	38.5	41.4	38.1	41.5	39.5
Retail trade	166.9	156.3	151.3	150.0	157.8	160.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	46.4	45.6	49.9	49.0	47.9	46.3
Transport and storage	20.8	25.1	23.9	18.1	18.7	19.8
Communication services	18.2	17.4	14.0	16.8	15.9	14.2
Finance and insurance	40.5	44.6	49.8	47.8	42.2	40.5
Property and business services	101.3	91.4	94.6	107.6	101.5	105.3
Government administration and defence	40.7	44.3	41.7	39.3	41.9	34.1
Education	89.4	84.7	89.2	90.7	89.0	85.9
Health and community services	141.9	147.0	145.1	144.7	148.9	158.2
Cultural and recreational services	20.3	23.2	21.9	19.4	25.3	21.8
Personal and other services	35.0	35.4	39.6	31.4	35.0	37.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>913.3</b>	<b>903.0</b>	<b>907.5</b>	<b>891.5</b>	<b>922.1</b>	<b>913.8</b>
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	104.7	113.1	103.4	86.8	86.7	103.4
Mining	5.1	*3.8	*3.0	*2.5	*3.6	*3.4
Manufacturing	362.4	352.7	348.7	343.5	357.7	342.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	13.3	13.3	14.5	15.2	11.9	14.2
Construction	134.2	121.4	119.0	125.9	131.7	138.1
Wholesale trade	126.5	123.4	133.8	123.1	129.5	131.6
Retail trade	326.5	314.5	308.8	300.5	316.2	320.2
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	77.1	77.6	85.1	86.0	85.5	78.1
Transport and storage	86.9	99.0	102.3	92.9	92.2	102.8
Communication services	50.3	43.2	39.1	41.3	38.3	36.3
Finance and insurance	77.2	80.8	93.1	90.6	88.5	82.8
Property and business services	216.7	209.1	215.9	238.5	232.2	235.4
Government administration and defence	82.8	83.3	75.1	68.5	80.3	71.5
Education	141.8	132.5	136.8	139.0	142.0	135.0
Health and community services	187.6	185.5	180.7	182.2	188.6	194.6
Cultural and recreational services	40.6	49.7	43.4	45.2	53.6	50.0
Personal and other services	71.8	81.0	88.0	78.4	77.6	76.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 105.7</b>	<b>2 084.0</b>	<b>2 090.8</b>	<b>2 060.2</b>	<b>2 116.1</b>	<b>2 116.3</b>

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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### JOB VACANCIES

Month	Vacancies all persons	Industry		Sector		Job vacancy rate
		Manufacturing	Other	Public	Private	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
<b>1996</b>						
November	12.8	2.0	10.8	1.9	10.9	0.75
<b>1997</b>						
February	12.8	*3.3	9.5	1.7	*11.1	0.75
May	11.5	*2.1	9.4	1.9	9.6	0.66
August	17.4	1.5	15.8	2.4	*14.9	0.97
November	*17.9	1.1	*16.8	2.3	*15.6	*0.97
<b>1998</b>						
February	24.0	*2.5	21.5	1.8	*22.1	1.20

Source: *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia* (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly). *Quarterly Survey of Job Vacancies and Overtime* (Unpublished data).

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### INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved				Working days lost		
	Beginning in period	Total	Beginning in period	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Total
	no.	no.	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>1996</b>									
December	9	11	1.6	5.5	1.0	0.4	1.9	0.6	3.9
<b>1997</b>									
January	3	5	0.9	1.4	—	1.1	—	0.1	1.1
February	6	7	9.9	10.3	—	3.0	7.7	—	10.7
March	8	8	8.8	8.8	0.5	2.3	—	5.3	8.1
April	11	12	4.7	5.1	9.2	1.5	—	0.5	11.2
May	16	19	7.6	9.8	11.6	0.6	0.4	3.9	16.5
June	7	13	2.0	5.1	3.5	0.2	1.2	2.5	7.4
July	11	14	9.0	9.4	2.3	0.5	—	7.2	10.0
August	11	14	1.9	4.0	0.2	0.9	0.3	4.0	5.4
September	14	18	4.8	7.3	11.2	1.0	0.1	6.0	18.3
October	10	12	52.8	53.7	33.7	18.6	1.2	6.6	60.1
November	8	13	22.1	46.6	18.9	10.4	14.8	2.0	46.0
December	6	11	4.0	17.2	9.4	3.7	—	4.2	17.3
<b>1998</b>									
January	5	7	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.5
February	8	10	17.2	17.6	7.8	1.3	14.3	4.0	27.4

Source: *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
1996									
November	720.30	791.80	686.50	607.10	625.80	443.80	681.20	734.50	577.50
1997									
February	726.60	782.50	687.70	611.90	625.90	462.40	687.70	729.40	590.00
May	736.90	789.10	676.20	618.50	636.70	453.90	693.90	733.80	572.70
August	754.20	812.70	695.20	625.80	643.40	460.40	708.10	751.90	587.20
November	748.50	807.60	714.90	632.90	653.10	463.60	708.10	753.60	600.60
1998									
February	762.20	823.10	722.00	634.90	650.70	477.70	716.80	761.60	610.40

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	Melbourne		Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups																							
									All groups	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997	1998	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997	1998	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997	1998										
<b>1994-95</b>	110.1	107.4	97.5	111.1	118.8	137.3	142.4	116.7	114.1	113.9																								
<b>1995-96</b>	114.1	108.0	101.4	113.0	122.6	154.2	148.7	120.3	118.4	118.7																								
<b>1996-97</b>	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3																								
<b>1996</b>																																		
December qtr	118.4	108.4	96.7	114.9	124.1	158.0	155.3	122.0	119.9	120.3																								
<b>1997</b>																																		
March qtr	118.8	108.1	93.5	114.6	125.1	158.4	158.4	125.2	120.1	120.5																								
June qtr	119.6	108.4	90.1	115.0	123.8	159.4	162.7	124.8	119.9	120.2																								
September qtr	119.8	108.5	88.7	114.6	124.6	158.6	157.3	126.0	119.5	119.7																								
December qtr	119.7	109.2	86.9	115.4	124.4	161.2	162.2	126.2	119.8	120.0																								
<b>1998</b>																																		
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3																								

Note: Base of each group: year 1989-90=100.0

Source: *Consumer Price Index* (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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## PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

Group	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	Sep qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	1997		1998		Weighted average of six state capital cities—Mar qtr 1998
							1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997	
House building											
All groups	115.9	115.4	115.3	116.1	116.6	117.6					118.7
Other than house building											
Structural timber	123.0	116.1	110.1	114.4	115.3	115.8					123.0
Clay bricks	112.3	112.1	113.1	116.1	116.1	119.6					115.5
Ready mix concrete	124.2	118.6	111.5	111.2	111.4	111.5					106.9
Precast concrete products	104.8	108.1	110.3	111.8	112.4	115.0					120.7
Steel decking and cladding	106.5	109.9	109.2	110.4	110.5	108.3					114.5
Structural steel	95.3	100.9	104.2	105.1	105.1	104.7					112.9
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	101.8	102.7	100.7	100.6	100.8	100.8					112.7
Aluminium windows	98.8	100.8	100.6	100.4	100.7	99.2					108.8
Fabricated steel products	110.7	113.1	116.7	119.3	119.5	120.6					116.5
Builders' hardware	113.7	114.5	116.5	118.6	119.5	119.8					120.8
Sand and aggregate	118.5	114.6	115.9	116.4	116.4	116.0					121.2
Carpet	98.5	101.6	101.6	102.9	102.9	102.9					103.5
Paint and other coatings	131.2	141.2	145.8	143.5	143.5	143.5					135.4
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	100.8	112.2	111.5	113.8	118.7	110.2					135.4
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	108.5	109.7	110.0	110.6	110.9	110.9					141.1
All electrical materials	113.5	119.4	112.0	110.4	109.8	110.3					115.3
All mechanical services	108.9	114.1	114.9	114.8	114.8	114.6					115.2
All plumbing materials	112.6	118.9	120.1	121.6	124.3	122.8					129.5
All groups	108.9	111.1	110.9	111.2	111.3	111.4					114.1

Note: Base of each index: year 1989-90=100.0.

Source: *Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly). *Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs	Chickens
Period	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>1994-95</b>	1 467.3	635.6	3 229.6	6 303.2	1 196.9	77 193.1
<b>1995-96</b>	1 523.6	589.8	2 488.0	5 897.7	1 142.1	85 410.9
<b>1996-97 p</b>	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 197.3	86 732.6
<b>1997 p</b>						
January	159.1	7.9	325.8	534.0	93.0	7 661.6
February	148.6	6.5	306.1	460.5	96.9	6 863.8
March	131.0	15.9	235.6	466.5	90.3	6 520.7
April	165.4	42.4	262.4	559.6	111.2	7 244.5
May	155.0	55.8	226.7	519.1	113.5	6 867.5
June	139.3	75.1	175.8	475.1	105.4	6 692.3
July	148.3	105.2	192.3	541.0	118.8	8 263.5
August	132.2	185.5	195.8	452.2	104.2	7 152.4
September	129.4	178.5	234.5	537.6	108.1	7 546.2
October	147.3	80.0	322.7	582.7	107.9	8 442.6
November	140.6	28.3	310.1	565.1	98.9	7 187.8
December	163.9	11.8	340.5	583.1	115.7	8 240.7
<b>1998 p</b>						
January	165.3	11.1	339.3	539.2	104.7	8 063.1
February	159.4	8.3	419.6	473.3	102.4	7 695.9
March	160.1	21.3	306.3	529.7	113.9	8 180.0

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly).

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### MEAT PRODUCTION

Period	Meat (carcass weight)					Dressed weight of chickens
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat	
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
<b>1994-95</b>	335 059	14 428	64 440	111 202	84 728	109 515
<b>1995-96</b>	348 649	12 009	50 910	110 172	83 052	127 736
<b>1996-97 p</b>	373 818	14 293	55 545	111 403	85 872	129 930
<b>1997 p</b>						
January	35 913	214	6 500	10 034	6 616	11 173
February	33 272	170	5 930	8 730	6 845	11 030
March	28 959	359	4 484	8 813	6 322	9 188
April	36 393	891	5 005	10 666	7 982	10 256
May	33 598	1 102	4 315	9 849	8 245	10 367
June	30 312	1 442	3 474	9 036	7 694	9 999
July	31 773	2 060	3 733	10 112	8 594	13 039
August	28 256	3 658	3 773	8 498	7 596	10 842
September	28 241	3 565	4 663	10 001	7 943	11 910
October	31 971	1 618	6 521	10 759	8 003	13 479
November	30 971	638	6 189	10 558	7 211	11 500
December	35 616	286	6 861	11 001	8 100	13 215
<b>1998 p</b>						
January	35 728	281	6 505	10 135	7 577	13 076
February	35 579	205	8 193	8 753	7 393	12 372
March	35 732	459	5 683	9 915	8 200	13 438

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly).

Period	New dwelling units(a)												Non-residential building(b)		
	Private sector			Public sector			Total(c)			Conversions etc.(d)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building(b)			
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.			Private sector	Total	Total all building	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION															
<b>1995-95</b>	20 916	2 113.1	888	69.8	21 804	2 182.9			1 330	571.9	1 072.3	1 655.8	4 410.6		
<b>1995-96</b>	15 676	1 624.3	1 068	86.5	16 744	1 710.8			617	467.2	1 352.5	1 934.5	4 112.5		
<b>1996-97</b>	19 648	2 183.1	447	35.8	20 095	2 218.9			1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 114.1		
<b>1997</b>															
January	1 561	162.2	37	6.0	1 598	168.2			24	39.1	168.7	202.1	409.5		
February	1 736	188.4	9	0.6	1 745	189.0			223	65.0	140.2	272.0	525.9		
March	1 848	195.1	12	1.2	1 860	196.3			36	50.7	150.7	184.1	431.1		
April	1 823	199.4	56	5.8	1 879	205.2			76	51.8	129.6	156.8	413.9		
May	1 963	241.9	23	1.2	1 986	243.2			70	49.0	106.4	136.6	428.8		
June	1 744	214.5	4	0.2	1 748	214.6			300	74.2	103.0	351.4	640.2		
July	1 998	216.9	38	1.9	2 036	218.9			25	51.1	132.1	176.2	446.2		
August	2 468	253.7	78	7.4	2 546	261.1			55	54.2	122.8	142.0	457.3		
September	2 152	239.1	57	3.8	2 209	242.9			222	68.5	173.5	192.1	503.6		
October	1 802	203.3	77	7.0	1 879	210.3			64	69.0	180.0	238.3	517.6		
November	2 450	291.7	71	4.9	2 521	296.6			52	49.1	195.8	213.6	559.3		
December	2 072	232.1	71	6.1	2 143	238.2			60	43.6	440.7	450.6	732.3		
<b>1998</b>															
January	1 855	230.7	23	1.5	1 878	232.2			74	44.2	174.2	203.1	479.5		
February	2 032	219.7	25	2.0	2 057	221.6			65	56.1	137.7	165.8	443.4		
March	2 633	288.3	11	0.7	2 644	289.0			77	69.3	104.0	117.6	475.9		
TOTAL VICTORIA															
<b>1994-95</b>	28 509	2 772.2	1 409	101.8	29 918	2 874.0			1 347	685.1	1 274.7	1 975.2	5 534.3		
<b>1995-96</b>	21 643	2 171.1	1 401	108.7	23 044	2 279.7			663	590.1	1 721.6	2 452.4	5 322.3		
<b>1996-97</b>	26 041	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9			1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2		
<b>1997</b>															
January	2 039	209.6	49	6.9	2 088	216.4			25	50.1	188.9	226.6	493.1		
February	2 274	239.7	17	1.1	2 291	240.8			225	76.8	173.1	359.4	677.0		
March	2 407	249.8	12	1.2	2 419	251.0			37	63.1	180.8	225.1	539.2		
April	2 380	254.5	77	7.3	2 457	261.8			80	63.5	202.0	237.0	562.3		
May	2 565	298.9	37	2.2	2 602	301.1			74	62.5	135.6	178.3	541.9		
June	2 255	264.5	11	0.6	2 266	265.0			302	84.6	120.3	382.1	731.8		
July	2 563	275.5	42	2.3	2 605	277.8			27	62.9	161.8	227.9	568.6		
August	3 084	316.0	79	7.7	3 163	323.7			57	65.7	159.5	184.5	573.9		
September	2 824	307.6	113	7.2	2 937	314.8			225	83.6	209.9	242.2	640.6		
October	2 505	273.8	112	9.2	2 617	283.0			64	84.4	204.8	279.2	646.7		
November	3 083	354.6	110	7.5	3 193	362.1			54	60.1	213.5	247.3	669.5		
December	2 675	293.5	90	7.9	2 765	301.4			65	55.6	456.7	470.2	827.2		
<b>1998</b>															
January	2 305	278.0	57	3.7	2 362	281.7			77	56.7	201.7	234.1	572.6		
February	2 620	278.5	71	6.0	2 691	284.5			66	67.3	158.3	222.6	574.5		
March	3 413	369.6	49	3.4	3 462	373.0			84	83.1	129.9	148.5	604.6		

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

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## NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under Construction	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under Construction	Completed
<b>1994-95</b>	25 885	25 846	10 668	27 380	4 033	3 612	2 765	2 892
<b>1995-96</b>	18 889	19 399	8 066	21 883	4 155	4 276	3 906	3 086
<b>1996-97</b>	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
<b>1996</b>								
September qtr	4 631	4 453	8 623	3 848	1 876	1 722	4 111	1 480
December qtr	4 456	4 139	7 624	5 081	1 524	1 238	4 046	1 294
<b>1997</b>								
March qtr	4 924	4 597	8 176	3 997	1 874	1 560	4 046	1 553
June qtr	5 794	5 463	8 937	4 687	1 531	1 527	4 151	1 400
September qtr	6 732	r 5717	r 9537	r 5102	1 973	r 1822	r 3874	2 036
December qtr	6 821	7 051	10 803	5 737	1 754	1 864	4 052	1 682

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

Period	Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings						
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other	Total
\$m									
COMMENCED									
<b>1994-95</b>	2 907.7	678.6	323.4	211.4	384.2	293.3	140.8	583.8	5 523.2
<b>1995-96</b>	2 486.2	679.7	444.3	249.2	393.5	330	108.4	953.5	5 644.8
<b>1996-97</b>	2 692.2	761	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1
<b>1996</b>									
September qtr	648.1	152.8	90.4	95.9	179.1	70.7	101.9	129.9	1 468.8
December qtr	587.6	184.3	72.3	80.4	111.1	66.2	49.8	275.6	1 427.3
<b>1997</b>									
March qtr	666.8	188.9	88.3	93.2	114	59.4	48.5	228.4	1 487.5
June qtr	789.7	235	97.2	74.4	104.3	214.1	103.4	369.6	1 987.6
September qtr	845.8	228.4	80.4	58.3	123.8	55.2	46.1	245.8	1 683.7
December qtr	1 014.3	212.2	123.4	80.8	91.7	69.2	90.7	570.2	2 252.4
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
<b>1994-95</b>	1 450.8	354.3	480.6	142.9	241.9	217.3	251.0	1 092.6	4 231.4
<b>1995-96</b>	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0
<b>1996-97</b>	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
<b>1996</b>									
September qtr	1 513.8	297.3	275.5	199.4	199.4	262.2	146.2	1 426.4	4 320.3
December qtr	1 402.4	284.5	249.8	183.6	201.8	224.3	157.9	1 594.5	4 298.8
<b>1997</b>									
March qtr	1 456.0	309.3	237.7	227.1	228.6	188.1	172.5	1 801.3	4 620.4
June qtr	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
September qtr	1 669.2	388.8	175.4	167.4	193.9	343.2	245.6	920.7	4 104.1
December qtr	1 820.3	398.1	187.5	158.1	195.1	364.9	303.5	1 278.0	4 705.7
COMPLETED									
<b>1994-95</b>	2 882.5	709.8	313.6	253.1	290.7	228.8	387.3	521.5	5 587.3
<b>1995-96</b>	2 489.6	689.0	715.1	249.9	514.1	302.2	234.7	844.4	6 038.9
<b>1996-97</b>	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8
<b>1996</b>									
September qtr	606.0	204.1	85.6	41.5	119.6	55.7	79.2	175.6	1 367.4
December qtr	710.6	200.5	106.0	110.8	79.2	103.1	39.0	220.4	1 569.5
<b>1997</b>									
March qtr	616.3	168.6	121.2	56.9	100.5	88.1	34.8	271.0	1 457.4
June qtr	684.7	195.3	52.0	86.5	104.6	95.0	41.5	439.9	1 699.5
September qtr	775.5	202.9	193.1	114.5	169.9	30.8	39.6	1 101.1	2 627.5
December qtr	870.6	210.0	111.8	93.3	100.4	49.9	36.1	230.7	1 702.9

Source: *Building Activity, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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### PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
<b>1995-96</b>	590	3 544	6 160	10 294	3 126	7 168
<b>1996-97</b>	758	3 447	7 290	11 496	3 379	8 117
<b>1996</b>						
September qtr	125	808	1 639	2 573	789	1 784
December qtr	301	987	1 862	3 150	1 039	2 110
<b>1997</b>						
March qtr	162	772	1 613	2 547	789	1 758
June qtr	170	880	2 176	3 226	761	2 465
September qtr	164	775	1 563	2 502	694	1 807
December qtr	378	903	1 794	3 075	831	2 244
EXPECTED						
<b>1997-98</b>	1 265	3 244	6 263	10 772	2 997	7 775
<b>1998-99</b>	872	2 400	5 644	8 915	3 038	5 877

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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### COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities							Type of lender	
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Type of lender
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1997</b>									
January	54.7	284.2	131.8	69.3	450.7	990.7	2 538.2	3 528.9	1 688.3
February	77.4	310.8	140.1	74.6	316.8	919.6	1 711.3	2 630.9	2 159.6
March	92.8	369.0	183.2	84.8	707.3	1 437.2	1 113.6	2 550.8	2 203.7
April	76.8	355.2	166.4	79.3	443.5	1 121.3	2 092.8	3 214.1	2 862.2
May	78.7	738.2	154.5	90.2	863.5	1 925.1	2 425.8	4 350.9	3 738.8
June	75.4	408.9	172.8	120.2	824.8	1 602.2	2 232.2	3 834.4	2 929.6
July	134.1	439.1	178.7	148.9	1 162.2	2 063.0	2 470.0	4 533.0	3 757.0
August	98.8	411.9	168.5	93.7	692.8	1 465.7	2 193.6	3 659.3	2 827.0
September	153.7	500.3	179.2	124.4	583.9	1 541.6	2 560.3	4 101.9	3 545.9
October	93.0	549.4	279.7	222.0	471.8	1 615.9	2 512.8	4 128.7	3 180.7
November	77.4	463.8	138.3	81.2	525.1	1 285.9	1 475.9	2 761.9	2 279.0
December	167.1	539.6	164.7	123.8	1 729.9	2 725.0	1 862.3	4 587.3	3 996.0
<b>1998</b>									
January	76.8	r 487.1	121.9	83.1	372.6	r 1 141.5	1 359.6	r 2 501.1	2 154.8
February	116.4	r 426.3	119.7	118.4	722.3	r 1 503.2	2 150.7	r 3 653.9	2 757.5
March	220.0	431.1	154.4	110.9	679.1	1 595.5	1 774.5	3 370.1	2 674.7

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

## 17

### SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
<b>1997</b>						
January	7 816	741	9 284	865	9 157	861
February	8 759	818	9 021	857	9 214	881
March	8 634	839	9 172	914	9 352	907
April	10 637	1 031	9 778	954	9 510	936
May	10 302	1 018	9 796	972	9 635	960
June	10 081	1 022	9 784	992	9 733	982
July	10 199	1 039	9 564	955	9 801	1 002
August	9 890	1 031	9 777	1 040	r 9 854	1 021
September	10 063	1 060	10 138	1 047	r 9 927	r 1 041
October	10 529	1 109	9 927	1 051	r 10 024	r 1 059
November	9 583	1 019	10 074	1 091	r 10 117	r 1 070
December	10 192	1 090	10 086	1 054	r 10 173	r 1 074
<b>1998</b>						
January	8 294	889	10 529	1 103	r 10 191	r 1 073
February r	9 960	1 027	10 241	1 075	10 181	1 068
March	10 147	1 075	9 824	1 023	10 143	1 062

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

## 18

### RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
								\$m
<b>1997</b>								
February	1 009.1	171.9	118.2	320.1	132.2	220.5	284.9	2 256.9
March	1 084.0	214.3	143.1	319.9	142.2	229.8	326.0	2 459.1
April	1 053.7	212.6	173.4	325.2	147.0	242.5	310.7	2 465.2
May	1 104.6	241.0	169.8	327.6	141.1	254.6	304.8	2 543.5
June	1 028.5	200.4	147.1	333.1	134.8	235.7	288.4	2 367.9
July	1 069.4	226.3	164.2	331.4	139.6	254.6	305.0	2 490.5
August	1 069.6	198.2	148.1	336.7	144.1	268.8	307.6	2 473.0
September	1 047.4	226.6	154.5	325.1	151.6	272.7	304.8	2 482.6
October	1 124.7	232.6	168.7	372.2	162.6	271.5	328.4	2 660.7
November	1 101.1	272.3	178.6	373.3	169.4	264.6	320.6	2 679.9
December	1 256.5	465.3	245.5	482.2	250.5	383.6	371.9	3 455.3
<b>1998</b>								
January	1 128.9	214.2	155.6	320.1	158.6	254.7	339.4	2 571.5
February	1 022.6	174.2	134.6	280.6	142.7	236.5	297.0	2 288.3
March	1 085.9	208.9	163.8	300.6	150.8	272.9	339.1	2 522.0
April	1 079.1	246.6	189.2	288.6	139.6	281.7	340.2	2 565.1

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

## 19

### EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS

Section	1996-97		10 months ending April 1998	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 002	3 674	958	2 995
1 Beverages and tobacco	103	124	110	130
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	536	1 739	459	1 576
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	934	887	647	774
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	95	83	76	96
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	2 478	877	2 435	750
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	3 706	2 323	3 567	1 996
7 Machinery and transport equipment	10 956	3 392	10 270	2 470
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4 351	992	4 212	840
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c	932	2 218	1 067	1 700
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 093</b>	<b>16 308</b>	<b>23 800</b>	<b>13 327</b>

Source: Foreign Trade Australia: Fastracs Database.

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### OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1995-96		1996-97		10 months ending April 1998	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
Belgium-Luxembourg	253	74	242	66	203	66
Brazil	174	77	125	81	112	59
Canada	453	101	394	123	324	100
China	1 675	641	1 755	658	1 846	526
Fiji	60	215	119	236	108	203
Finland	239	9	169	8	162	8
France	536	143	711	162	525	144
Germany	1 994	264	1 923	280	1 755	209
Hong Kong	241	821	267	812	282	893
India	234	139	231	239	221	157
Indonesia	378	367	507	428	489	292
Italy	807	249	832	320	769	348
Japan	3 429	1 952	3 097	1 525	3 186	1 393
Korea, Republic of	634	1 921	671	2 098	659	958
Malaysia	458	737	508	669	540	449
Mexico	55	43	64	52	64	63
Netherlands	233	60	237	39	212	66
New Zealand	1 207	1 598	1 247	2 140	1 079	1 278
Pakistan	72	77	75	55	84	73
Papua New Guinea	128	237	232	269	146	194
Philippines	117	339	108	372	102	336
Saudi Arabia	225	194	203	168	85	174
Singapore	571	1 162	468	893	404	850
South Africa	83	207	100	292	126	225
Sweden	591	69	502	65	503	35
Switzerland	288	45	241	66	225	19
Taiwan	773	663	792	696	726	556
Thailand	322	513	335	412	327	290
United Kingdom	1 502	373	1 635	416	1 375	363
United States of America	5 839	788	5 944	958	5 785	1 235
Other and unknown	1 092	1 332	1 359	1 710	1 376	1 765
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 663</b>	<b>15 410</b>	<b>25 093</b>	<b>16 308</b>	<b>23 800</b>	<b>13 327</b>

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: Overseas Trade: Fastracs Database.

## 21

### VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Excess of exports	Imports	Exports (including re-exports)	Excess of exports
<b>1994-95</b>	23 967	13 008	-10 959	74 619	67 052	-7 567
<b>1995-96</b>	24 663	15 410	-9 253	77 792	76 005	-1 787
<b>1996-97</b>	25 093	16 308	-8 785	78 998	78 938	-60
<b>1997</b>						
February	1 935	1 350	-585	6 072	6 425	353
March	1 865	1 397	-468	5 985	6 634	649
April	2 165	1 346	-819	6 749	6 638	-111
May	2 025	1 992	-33	6 448	r 7 631	1 183
June	2 064	1 324	-740	6 876	6 838	-38
July	2 361	1 289	-1 072	7 419	7 131	-288
August	2 264	1 185	-1 079	7 048	r 7 187	139
September	2 338	1 346	-992	7 355	r 7 205	-150
October	2 604	1 421	-1 183	7 944	7 626	-318
November	2 264	1 540	-724	7 185	r 7 632	447
December	2 426	r 1 509	-917	r 7 916	r 7 817	-99
<b>1998</b>						
January	2 269	r 1 094	-1 175	r 7 111	r 6 297	-814
February	2 295	r 1 380	-915	r 6 948	r 6 667	-281
March	r 2 618	r 1 355	-1 263	r 8 191	r 7 314	-877
April	2 363	1 206	-1 157	7 447	7 225	-222

Source: Overseas Trade: Fastracs Database.

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### TOURIST ACCOMMODATION—MELBOURNE AND VICTORIA

Period	Hotels, motels, etc. with facilities				Short-term caravan parks			
	Establishments	Capacity, guest rooms	Room occupancy rates	Takings from accommodation	Establishments	Capacity, sites and cabins	Site occupancy rates	Takings from accommodation
no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION								
<b>1996</b>								
September qtr	239	14 440	66	100 835	53	5 728	44	1 771
December qtr	241	14 509	71	114 046	52	5 877	51	2 262
<b>1997</b>								
March qtr	240	14 456	74	125 553	52	5 899	59	2 368
June qtr	240	14 953	67	111 910	52	5 878	46	1 618
September qtr	249	15 142	67	119 066	51	5 689	46	1 785
December qtr	247	15 253	70	127 777	51	5 700	53	2 297
TOTAL VICTORIA								
<b>1996</b>								
September qtr	1 013	29 877	52	141 778	441	54 226	36	12 239
December qtr	1 013	29 918	56	152 611	441	54 390	41	17 402
<b>1997</b>								
March qtr	1 012	29 869	60	169 396	442	54 394	49	21 407
June qtr	1 012	30 325	53	148 700	440	54 056	39	12 340
September qtr	1 046	30 799	53	163 681	442	53 873	37	13 513
December qtr	1 040	30 904	56	168 260	441	54 226	36	12 239

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Victoria (Cat. no. 8635.2) (quarterly).



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